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DODE-00 NSAE-00 NSCE-00 SSO-00 ICAE-00 INRE-00
USSS-00 PM-05 H-02 INR-10 L-03 PA-02 SP-02 SS-15
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FM AMEMBASSY KABUL
TO SECSTATE WASHDC FLASH 2155

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THIS IS FROM DCM AMSTUTZ:

E.O. 12065: N/A

TAGS:

SUBJ: APPREHENSION OF AMBASSADOR DUBS

1. AMBASSADOR DUBS WAS APPREHENDED AT GUNPOINT BY UNKNOWN TERRORISTS THIS MORNING AND IS BEING HELD AT THE HOTEL KABUL IN DOWNTOWN KABUL. THIS OCCURRED AT ABOUT 0845 HOURS KABUL TIME.

2. SINCE WE LEARNED OF THE INCIDENT WE HAVE BEEN IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTRY AND POLICE. DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND FOREIGN MINISTER AMIN CATEGORICALLY SAID THAT THEY KNEW NOTHING OF THE APPREHENSION AND IT WAS NOT INSTIGATED BY THE DRA. THEY HAVE BEEN COOPERATIVE, HAVE SENT MANY POLICE TO THE HOTEL AND HAVE REPORTEDLY CAUGHT ONE OF THE TERRORISTS. ACCORDING TO A PHONE MESSAGE FROM POL COUNS FLATIN FROM THE HOTEL TO ME JUST NOW, AMBASSADOR DUBS IS BEING HELD IN A LOCKED ROOM BY TWO TERRORISTS WHO ARE "DEMANDING GUNS".

2. AS NEWS COMES IN, WE'LL FOLLOW WITH SEPTELS. AMSTUTZ

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